

REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the care with which he has studied the claims not only for formal defects but also for clarity of expression. All of the Examiner's proposed changes under 35 U.S.C. §112 have been adopted as to the claims that remain.

Applicant has cancelled claims 1 to 13 to which the Examiner has objected.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 14 to 19 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §, second paragraph. Accordingly, these claims have been amended. They are now in condition for allowance.

All the remaining claims are now in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

Applicants believe that the present application, as amended, is now in condition for allowance. Early and favorable reconsideration and allowance of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

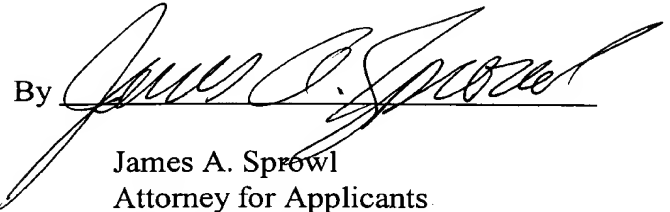
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 08-2025. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 08-2025. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicants hereby petition for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 08-2025.

Respectfully submitted,

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